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C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 0417

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO, US

SUBJECT: ANGOLA

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1. FONMINISTRY USEC MIRGHANI RECEIVED AMBASSADOR EVENING FEB 10 FOR DISCUSSION RE ANGOLA AUTHORIZED REFTELS. AMBASSADOR STRESSED POINTS PARA 3 FIRST REFTEL AND THEN PROVIDED OUR CURRENT ASSESSMENT SITUATION IN ACCORDANCE NUMBERED PARA 2 OF SECOND REFTEL. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT USG REMAINS CONCERNED AT CONTINUING PRESENCE TWO FORCES IN ANGOLA THAT MPLA CANNOT RULE ANGOLA WITHOUT PROTRACTED RELIANCE ON A NON-AFRICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE EXCEPT THROUGH OBTAINING SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT ALL ELEMENTS OF POPULATION, AND THAT FACT WE CONSIDERING ASKING CONGRESS OPENLY FOR FUNDING MAKES CLEAR USG BY NO MEANS RECONCILED TO EXISTING SITUATION ANGOLA. VIEW GOS CONCERN RE POSSIBLE USG CONNECTION WITH AMERICAN MERCENARIES (KHARTOUM 382) AMBASSADOR MADE SPECIAL POINT OF STRESSING TO MIRGHANI THAT USG IN NO WAY INVOLVED IN RECRUITMENT OF AMERICAN MERCENARIES WHICH SUBJECT WIDELY PUBLICIZED REPORTS.

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2. MIRGHANI SAID HE COULD UNDERSTAND USG VIEWPOINT EVEN

THOUGH GOS WAS FOLLOWING DIFFERENT POLICY. CHIEF SUDANESE CONCERN REMAINED CONTINUING PRESENCE OF SOUTH AFRICANS. MIRGHANI HOPED SOMEHOW CONTENDING SIDES MIGHT BE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN ORDER TO END THE FIGHTING BUT DID NOT SAY HOW. HE NOTED THAT, AS PART ANY SETTLEMENT WHICH INCLUDED WITHDRAWAL SOUTH AFRICANS, GOS COULD BE EXPECTED TO DO WHAT IT COULD TO BRING ABOUT WITHDRAWAL OF OTHER FOREIGN FORCES FROM ANGOLA. MIRGHANI THEN SAID HE SOMEWHAT PUZZLED WHY USG SO CONCERNED RE "COMMUNISM" IN ANGOLA. AMBASSADOR REPLIED THIS WAS NOT, IN FACT OUR CONCERN. WHAT CONCERNED USG WAS THE IMPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GENERALLY AND, SPECIFICALLY, OUR DETENTE POLICY VIS-A-VIS USSR, IF ONE SUPERPOWER CAN WITHOUT COST INTERVENE SUCCESSFULLY IN SITUATION SO CLEARLY FALLING OUTSIDE AREA ITS VITAL INTERESTS. MIRGHANI COUNTERED THAT AFRICAN LIBERATION COMMITTEE OF OAU HAD DESIGNATED MPLA SOMETIME AGO AS APPROVED LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN ANGOLA. RUSSIAN LINE WAS THAT THEY HAD EXTENDED ASSISTANCE TO MPLA ON THAT BASIS, AND MOSCOW HAS BEEN POINTING TO AFRICAN STATEMENTS OF APPROVAL FOR THIS AID AS JUSTIFICATION ITS CURRENT STANCE. MIRGHANI NEVERTHELESS ADMITTED THAT THOSE AFRICAN STATEMENTS WERE MADE WHILE MPLA WAS STILL RESISTING PORTUGUESE. BREWER

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